



## Safe to Eat Workgroup (STEW) Meeting Agenda



**Wednesday, January 18, 2023**  
**9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (Pacific)**

Virtual attendance details provided below

### Agenda Overview

Item	Topic	Lead	Time
1.	<b>Roll Call, Agenda Review, Goals of the Meeting</b>	Jay Davis	9:00 AM (10 min)
2.	<b>Information: Mercury Bioaccumulation in the Hells Canyon Reservoir Complex of the Snake River</b> <b>Desired Outcome:</b> Inform and update the STEW	Collin Eagles-Smith	9:10 AM (30 min)
3.	<b>Information: Final Monitoring Plan for 2023</b> <b>Desired Outcome:</b> Inform and update the STEW	Jay Davis	9:40 AM (15 min)
4.	<b>Information: Quick Updates</b> <b>Desired Outcome:</b> Inform and update the STEW	Anna Holder	9:55 AM (20 min)
<b>Break</b>			10:15 AM (10 min)
5.	<b>Information: Bioaccumulation Monitoring Program Realignment &amp; Statewide Tribal Engagement</b> <b>Desired Outcome:</b> Inform and update the STEW	Anna Holder	10:25 AM (20 min)
6.	<b>Information: Planning for 2024 Long-term Monitoring Priorities Assessment</b> <b>Desired Outcome:</b> Inform and update the STEW	Anna Holder	10:45 AM (15 min)
7.	<b>Wrap-up and Adjourn</b>	Anna Holder	11:00 AM (10 min)

### Virtual Attendance Details

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## **Agenda Details**

### **Item 1. Roll Call, Agenda Review, Goals of the Meeting**

### **Item 2. Mercury Bioaccumulation in the Hells Canyon Reservoir Complex of the Snake River**

This presentation will provide an overview of an integrated 10-year research program to investigate the biogeochemical and food web drivers of methylmercury cycling in a three-reservoir system on the Snake River, ID/OR – with a focus on 1) spatial and temporal distribution of mercury through the food web, 2) influence of food web structure on mercury bioaccumulation, and 3) linkages between the processes governing methylmercury production and bioaccumulation.

### **Item 3. Final Monitoring Plan for 2023**

This group has been discussing the sampling plan for 2023 and beyond in some capacity since Jan 2021. The final [2023 Lakes \(Panel 5\) Monitoring Plan](#) will be presented.

### **Item 4. Quick Updates**

- [2019 Bass lakes \(Panel 3\) Data Report](#) complete!
- 2020 Coast data and report
  - Data status: all data - except 3 PCBs samples sent to SGS-Axys for analysis in Mar 2022 - have been processed.
  - Report status: The [Cruise Report](#) is complete. We will be pushing the data report to 2025 after the remainder of the coast has been sampled (2024) and data processed (2025).
- 2021 Bass lakes (Panel 4) data and report
  - Data status: Metals/Other/Age data are processed; waiting on organics data from SGS-Axys.
  - Report status: The [Cruise Report](#) is complete; draft data report will be distributed and ready to discuss during the Apr. 2023 STEW Meeting.
- 2022 Monitoring data
  - Realignment (Project code: SWB\_Realign\_RWB9\_2022):
    - RWB9 is still planning to collect lobster samples.
    - MP SL is working on final dissections.
    - Organic samples pending shipment.
  - Rivers (Project code: SWB\_FishRiv\_2022):
    - Only steelhead from the Mokelumne Fish Hatchery collection and dissection remains.
    - Organic samples pending shipment.
  - Central Coast Region (RWB3) Monitoring (Project code: RWB3\_SS\_BOG (2022)):
    - Organic samples pending shipment.

- New fish consumption advisories
  - [Advisory for Fish that Migrate \(Statewide, Nov 2022\)](#)
  - Updated advisories related to fish that migrate:
    - [Central and South Delta \(Contra Costa, San Joaquin, and Sacramento Counties, Nov 2022\)](#)
    - [Lower American River \(Sacramento County, Nov 2022\)](#)
    - [Lower Cosumnes River \(Sacramento County, Nov 2022\)](#)
    - [Lower Feather River \(Butte, Sutter, and Yuba Counties, Nov 2022\)](#)
    - [Lower Mokelumne River \(Sacramento and San Joaquin Counties, Nov 2022\)](#)
    - [Mokelumne River at Lodi Lake \(San Joaquin County, Nov 2022\)](#)
    - [Sacramento River and Northern Delta \(Shasta, Tehama, Butte, Glenn, Colusa, Yuba, Sutter, Yolo, Sacramento, Solano, and Contra Costa Counties, Nov 2022\)](#)
    - [San Joaquin River from Friant Dam to the Port of Stockton \(Fresno, Madera, Merced, Stanislaus, and San Joaquin, Nov 2022\)](#)
- Updates on TMDLs
- Monitoring Council Updates
  - [Next meeting](#): Feb. 23, 2023
- Other updates from the group
  - In Feb/Mar 2023 The U.S. EPA, Office of Water, will hold a virtual National Forum on Contaminants in Fish to bring together interested groups to discuss the many issues related to human health and contaminants in fish. The 2023 National Fish Forum will be held: Feb 28, Mar 2, Mar 7 and Mar 9, 2023 (9 AM - 2:30 PM PT / 12:00 PM - 5:30 PM ET) | [Registration Link](#)

## **BREAK (10 min)**

### **Item 5. Bioaccumulation Monitoring Program Realignment & Statewide Tribal Engagement**

The implementation of the [Bioaccumulation Monitoring Program Realignment](#) and [Tribal Engagement Plan](#) is underway.

*The San Francisco Region has been selected for the 2024-2026 Realignment Cycle!* Please see the [Realignment Plan Update](#) for more context, our decision criteria, and our planned next steps, which will include continuing our Tribal Engagement efforts into 2023.

This agenda item will include an update on progress and next steps.

### **Item 6. Planning for 2024 Long-term Monitoring Priorities Assessment**

This group has been discussing the long-term monitoring priorities assessment planned for 2024 in some capacity since Jan 2021. During the Oct 2022 meeting, the STEW requested more specific prompts that Regional coordinators can use to prepare for discussions in 2024. A draft of these prompts will be discussed, and an update on the more solidified meeting and discussion plan will be presented.

## **Item 7. Wrap-up and Adjourn**

- Review action items
- Review items for next meeting
- We were made aware of regular scheduling conflicts for our original 2023 meetings. We shifted our 2023 meetings to the third Wednesday of the month in Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct. Meetings are scheduled in the mornings on Jan 18, Apr 19, Jul 19, and Oct 18, 2023.
- Next meeting: Apr 19, 2023, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm